

NCPV Hotline — Week of April 9-13, 2007

Weekly News Items

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The National Center for Photovoltaics (NCPV), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL's) center for PV research maintains an international communications system called the NCPV Hotline. The Hotline increases knowledge and awareness of PV industry and research happenings. Hotline participants receive important news items via email related to PV activities around the world. The contents have been relatively uncensored, because we depend on the good judgment of the contributors to separate fact from rumor.

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4-9-07 Solar America Initiative Future Generation Photovoltaic Devices and Processes Funding Opportunity Announcement

For information on the Solar America Initiative "Device and Process Proof of Concept: Future Generation Device and Processes Funding Opportunity Announcement", see the Websites at:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/device_process_foa_032607.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/ytkotd>

<https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/650B3F0FE02FCAD9852572B4006787CD?OpenDocument>

or <http://tinyurl.com/2gf379>

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13405&mode=VIEW> or <http://tinyurl.com/2fk5nj>

http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/sai_univ_industry_meeting_020707.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/27q485>

Solar America Initiative: http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/

4-9-07 IAUS Agreement with Lucite

International Automated Systems, Inc. announced that it has signed a supply agreement with Lucite International, which will facilitate high-volume production of IAUS's new solar panels. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B3A58DB1C%2DCB66%2D44EE%2D8373%2D09B51A3DDD69%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/32qlkc>

IAUS: <http://www.iaus.com/>

Lucite International: <http://www.luciteinternational.com/>

4-9-07 PV Commercialization Project, Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania NanoMaterials Commercialization Center announced its first round of funding for 3 commercialization projects in nanomaterials throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In one of the projects, Plextronics Inc. is being funded to further the development of Plexcore™ PV active layer technology for organic solar cells. See the press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BD0C0AC9F%2DEC48%2D4344%2DB4F3%2D80B7B74EC3B0%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/258uhm>

Plextronics: <http://www.plextronics.com/>

Pennsylvania NanoMaterials Commercialization Center: <http://www.pananocenter.org/>

Additional press:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B01193BC0%2DB3C4%2D4A54%2D8E80%2D31E46E43493B%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/3ypf8x>

4-9-07 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Renewable Energy Power Systems

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. is stepping up its renewable energy power systems business, with plans to introduce a wind turbine model in Europe by 2010 and establish additional manufacturing bases for solar panels overseas.

More at: <http://www.forbes.com/markets/feeds/afx/2007/04/08/afx3592173.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/yt68kk>

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries: <http://www.mhi.co.jp/indexe.html>

4-9-07 More on Sunfilm

See "Solar startup Sunfilm to make thin film sandwiches" at Inside greentech:

<http://www.insidegreentech.com/node/981>

Applied Materials press: <http://tinyurl.com/2h2jln>

4-9-07 SolSource PV for Non-profit, Colorado

Denver, Colorado-based SolSource designed and installed a 5.6 KW PV system for the Friends of Dinosaur Ridge, a non-profit group established to protect the natural resources of the hogback west of Denver. The system comprises 32 SolarWorld modules with a Fronius inverter.

SolSource: <http://www.solsourceinc.com/>

4-9-07 Santa Cruz School PV, California

Trustees for the Santa Cruz City Schools district will vote April 18 on a three-way contract in which energy broker Generating Assets would pay Santa Cruz company Solar Technologies to install about \$24 million worth of PV at district schools, and the district would pay Generating Assets for the bulk of its electricity use. Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Newspage.asp> at:

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2007/April/09/local/stories/01local.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/35jona>

http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_5626724

Solar Technologies: <http://www.solartechnologies.com/Overview.shtml>

4-9-07 Chevron Energy Solutions PV for Cal State Fresno

Construction has begun at California State University, Fresno, on a solar panel-topped parking structure being built by Chevron Energy Solutions. Press at:

http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=34867

Chevron Energy Solutions: <http://www.chevronenergy.com/>

4-9-07 Solar Homes, California

Lennar Bay Area Homebuilding announced three Bay Area solar-driven communities located in the Windemere community of San Ramon. All 275 homes will come equipped with a roof integrated solar electric system from PowerLight as a standard feature. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B792FE460%2DF228%2D4C72%2D8312%2DDBD18E870BF7%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/3xjev>

PowerLight: <http://www.powerlight.com/>

4-9-07 Map of PV Potential, Europe

A new map published by the European Commission shows the PV solar energy potential of different parts of Europe. For more information, see the RenewableEnergyAccess article and links at:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48055>

EC, PVGIS: <http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvgis/>

4-9-07 Solar in the Mainstream

See the story "Silicon Valley Betting on Solar, Entrepreneurs Expect Green Movement Will Move Solar Panels Firmly into the Mainstream", with a link to a video "Going Green: Solar Silicon Valley", at

abcNews: <http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/Technology/story?id=3018981&page=1>

4-9-07 SMA Inverter Products

SMA America announced the availability of a new line of inverter products. See RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=48050> or <http://tinyurl.com/26yana>
SMA America: <http://www.sma-america.com/>

4-9-07 Renewables Expertise for Farmers

Farmergy™ announced it has hired Allen Smith as the company's new president. More on Farmergy at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=D25E146E2A3317281ADC9789D8FB1BD2?id=48051> or <http://tinyurl.com/27foco>
Farmergy: <http://www.farmergy.com/>

4-9-07 Solar Payback

See the story "Delivering a Zero-Day Payback Time for Solar" by Matt Cheney, MMA Renewable Ventures CEO, at RenewableEnergyAccess' RE Insider: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48034>
MMA Renewable Ventures: <http://www.mmarenewableventures.com/>
<http://www.mmarenewableventures.com/menu/about/teambios.htm>

4-9-07 SunPower Featured

See the story "Selling people on solar cells" featuring SunPower at: <http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/04/09/BU200SUNPOWER.DTL> or <http://tinyurl.com/385az8>
SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

4-9-07 Corporate Investment in Energy Efficiency and Renewables

The Sea Studios Foundation recently launched a short film illustrating how major corporations are investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy. See RenewableEnergyAccess at: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48053>
Sea Studios Foundation: <http://www.seastudios.org/index.php>

4-9-07 Denis Hayes Earth Day Plans

Denis Hayes, named by Time magazine one of its 100 "Heroes for the Planet", will give the address "The Solar Solution to Climate Change" as well as other presentations for the upcoming Earth Day celebrations. For more on these plans, see: <http://www.buffalonews.com/185/story/49432.html>

4-9-07 Green Building Finance & Investment Summit

Financial Research Associates announced its Green Building Finance & Investment Summit set for 24-25 September 2007 in Manhattan. For information see RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=48063> or <http://tinyurl.com/2hhnk5>
<http://www.frallc.com/conference.aspx?ccode=B502>

4-10-07 Solar Integrated Technologies PV in Italy

Solar Integrated Technologies has won two contracts in Italy worth \$10 million to provide solar systems at two sites outside of Rome. Press at Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR342.htm> and http://www.sharecast.com/cgi-bin/sharecast/story.cgi?story_id=1194137 or <http://tinyurl.com/2wxs9d>
Solar Integrated Technologies: <http://www.solarintegrated.com/index.htm>

4-10-07 Green Energy Technology Expansion

Taiwan-based solar grade silicon wafer supplier Green Energy Technology has decided to issue new shares for capacity expansion. Press at: http://www.digitimes.com/bits_chips/a20070410PD208.html
Green Energy Technology: <http://www.getinc.com.tw/>

4-10-07 Module Average Selling Prices

See the story "April solar module ASPs flat in Europe but reduced in the US", with reference to data at Solarbuzz, at DigiTimes: http://www.digitimes.com/bits_chips/a20070410VL201.html
Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/>

4-10-07 More on PHOTON Consulting Report

By 2010, leading solar electricity providers in Spain will be able to produce solar electricity as low as 10 cents per kWh, equivalent to the delivered cost of electricity from a new coal power plant, according to a new report from PHOTON Consulting. See report coverage at:

<http://www.edn.com/article/CA6432171.html>

Photon Consulting: <http://www.photon-consulting.com/>

4-10-07 Bio-based Solar Cells

BioSolar™ announced that the company is launching its development program to produce a proprietary based resin uniquely suited to the rigor required for solar cell production. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B56B772CE%2D6AF3%2D4D54%2DA350%2D42D39DF76E1A%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&synd=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2zem3p>

BioSolar™: <http://www.biosolar.com/>

4-10-07 Solar in Spain

See the article "Spain goes for the gold in solar" with coverage of two major solar plants that have recently been inaugurated at:

http://www.greenprices.com/eu/newsletter/GPBE_47_070411/spainsolar.asp or <http://tinyurl.com/2mh6ar>

4-10-07 Interview with Eicke Weber

For an interview with Eicke Weber, director of the Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme and professor of physics at the University of Freiburg, see "Meet professor sunshine" at Inside greentech:

<http://www.insidegreentech.com/node/992>

Fraunhofer: <http://www.ise.fhg.de/english/profile/index.html>

4-10-07 NOVA Program on Solar

NOVA's "Saved by the Sun" is airing on 24 April at: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/solar/>

4-10-07 Senate Finance Subcommittee International Alternative Energy Policy Hearing [SEIA]

The Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee is holding a hearing on "International Perspectives on Alternative Energy Policy: Incentives and Mandates and their Impacts", 12 April. Witnesses include Rusty Schmit, CEO of Advent Solar. Information at:

<http://www.senate.gov/~finance/sitepages/hearing041207a.htm>

4-10-07 \$100 Million for Reducing the Threat of Global Warming

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is creating a \$100 million program to support research intended to encourage policies aimed at reducing the threat of global warming. See The New York Times article "Foundation to Offer \$100 million to Deal with Global Warming" at:

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/04/09/business/09climate.html?_r=1&oref=slogin or

<http://tinyurl.com/2rek3z> Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, press and initiative overview:

<http://www.ddcf.org/>

4-10-07 State Energy Offices Projects

The U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program publishes Conservation Update bimonthly to summarize energy projects of state energy offices. See the Website, with articles such as "Arizona Unveils Solar Roadmap", "Calif. PV for New Construction Toolkit", and others at:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/update/

4-11-07 Akeena Solar Power for National Guard, Fresno, California

The California Air National Guard is switching to solar power for the operation of its armory in Fresno.

The Guard hired MCC Construction and Akeena Solar to do the multimillion dollar job. Press at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR776.htm>

Akeena: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

4-11-07 WorldWater & Power Solar Power for Fresno Airport, California

Solar energy will soon be used to power the Fresno Airport terminal. WorldWater & Power will install, operate and maintain the 2-MW PV system. See press at Solarbuzz

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR775.htm> and
<http://www.ksee24.com/Story.aspx?type=ln&NStoryID=6553>

WorldWater & Power: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

4-11-07 Solar Roofs, California

Old Country Roofing, in partnership with BP Solar, Fat Spaniel Technologies, and Xantrex Technology Inc., announced that they have signed agreements with two of California's top builders to have solar power roofing in four new communities. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR774.htm>

Old Country Roofing: <http://www.oldcountryroofing.com/>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=4260&contentId=7004852> or

<http://tinyurl.com/o6ml8>

Fat Spaniel Technologies: <http://www.fatspaniel.com/>

Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/>

4-11-07 PHOTON International Magazine, March 2007

For the table of contents of the March 2007 issue of PHOTON International, see: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/photon/index.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/25myg6>. This issue contains a market survey of cell and module production in 2006.

4-11-07 Platinum LEED Building, NREL

The Science & Technology Facility at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado has received a Platinum LEED rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BEEF9E11A%2DFAD8%2D4EB0%2D8CC9%2DD6C0051B85B6%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2lmu72>

U.S. Green Building Council: <http://www.usgbc.org/>

Science & Technology Facility: <http://www.nrel.gov/features/07-04%5fscience%5ftech%5ffacility.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/2s3f3y>

4-11-07 More on the Skyscraper with Surplus Energy, Dubai

A skyscraper being planned for Dubai will include 48 wind turbines mounted horizontally between floors, and PV located on the roofs of the individual apartments – designed to produce more energy than it consumes. Press at: <http://www.ameinfo.com/116470.html>

4-11-07 Solar Sales

See the story "Does the solar industry need a Salesforce.com?", with an interview with Jigar Shah, CEO of SunEdison, through RenewableEnergyAccess

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48072> at CNet News:

http://news.com.com/Does+the+solar+industry+need+a+Salesforce.com/2008-11392_3-6171917.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/2ympp9>

4-11-07 Online Marketplace

GoGreenSolar.com provides an online marketplace for buyers and contractors to conduct trade. See the story "Online Reverse Auctions Revolutionize the Renewable Energy Services Marketplace, Places Buyers in Driver's Seat" at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=48079> or <http://tinyurl.com/2j2ac7>

Go Green Solar: <http://www.gogreensolar.com/>

4-11-07 Online Auction Platforms

World Energy Solutions, Inc. announced that Rick Adcock has been named senior vice president for environmental markets. World Energy is an energy brokerage company that has developed the World Energy Exchange online auction platforms, through which a diverse set of energy buyers and sellers can trade energy, financial instruments and renewable energy credits. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BA822F498%2DB27C%2D46E0%2DB53B%2DBEB8D7CE7C87%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/395yu4>

World Energy Exchange: <http://www.worldenergy.com/>

Related press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47704> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ogddg>

4-11-07 AIG Alternative Energy Practice

AIG Global Marine and Energy announced the formation of the AIG Global Alternative Energy Practice. The practice will service the insurance, risk management and loss control needs of U.S.-based alternative energy clients, including organizations engaged in biofuel, hydro, geothermal, solar and wind operations. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B79CF802F%2DB19E%2D48C7%2D8D5F%2D0AAC89EEB75C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/39awge>

AIG Global Marine and Energy: http://home.aig.com/creative/global_energy/gme.html

4-11-07 Microfield Demand Response Program

Microfield Group, Inc. announced that its subsidiary EnergyConnect, Inc. recently enrolled its 15th Pennsylvania university participant in its Demand Response program. Microfield combines selling wholesale services to regional power grids with traditional electrical contracting and design and integration of infrastructure for wind, solar and other distributed power systems. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BC4222C61%2D2738%2D45DE%2D9C2B%2DFEE0A29C6AA0%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/34ay3v>

EnergyConnect: <http://www.energyconnectinc.com/>

Microfield: <http://www.microfield.com/>

4-11-07 Clean Energy Honors

GridPoint, Inc.(TM) announced that it is one of five “companies to watch” in the Clean Energy Trends Report 2007 by Clean Edge. GridPoint is named as part of the “Utilities Get Enlightened” trend, one of five shaping the clean energy landscape this year. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B839A74F0%2DF98B%2D48A8%2D9894%2D49AEE1096C63%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2vqbmo>

GridPoint: <http://www.gridpoint.com/>

CleanEdge Report: <http://www.cleandedge.com/>

4-11-07 Ecosphere Senior Vice President of Business Development

Ecosphere Technologies, Inc. announced the appointment of Andrew Stern as senior vice president of business development of its subsidiary Ecosphere Energy Solutions Inc. Ecosphere’s Ecos LifeLink is a self-contained platform for delivering critical resources including clean water, wireless communication and renewable power from solar and wind energy systems. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B9372C278%2D5D34%2D4998%2D8079%2DB4394D0F7F0F%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/32f7xp>

EcoSphere: <http://www.ecospheretech.com/htm/index.htm>

4-11-07 Zero Carbon Goal, Woodstock

See the story “Zero carbon is the goal for Woodstock” at:

<http://dwb.fresnobee.com/24hour/nation/story/3594954p-12864881c.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/25tnoy>

World News: http://article.wn.com/view/2007/04/09/Zeroing_out_carbon_emission_in_Woodstock_6/ or

<http://tinyurl.com/2f62vs>

4-11-07 UniRac President and CEO

UniRac Inc. has appointed Doug May to the position of President and CEO. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=9C429B38C23BF946AD3BEA00DCDCFA2A?id=48081> or <http://tinyurl.com/yubkly> and Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/newsNACO551.htm>

UniRac: <http://www.unirac.com/>

4-11-07 Space Solar for Use on Earth

According to this press, the Pentagon's National Security Space Office may begin a study on the possibility of using satellites to collect solar energy for use on Earth. Press at:

http://www.space.com/business/technology/070411_tech_wed.html

4-11-07 Renewable Energy Finance Forum

For information on the 4th Renewable Energy Finance Forum – Wall Street, set for 20-21 June at the Waldorf Astoria, New York City, see:

<http://www.euromoneyenergy.com/default.asp?Page=11&eventid=ECK162&site=energy> or

<http://tinyurl.com/24b6l8>

4-11-07 Solar Power Finance & Investment Summit

For information on the Solar Power Project Finance & Investment Summit, 9-11 May, 2007 in San Diego, California, see: <http://www.infocastinc.com/solar07.html>

4-11-07 Appropriations Committee Energy Hearings

The Energy and Water Development Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee is holding hearings today to examine proposed budget estimates for 2008 for the Department of Energy. Witnesses include Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

The NCPV Hotline will be off line April 13

4-12-07 Open Energy Agreement with Eagle Roofing

Open Energy Corp. announced a Joint Marketing and Distribution Agreement with Eagle Roofing Products. The companies will work together to supply the growing market for building-integrated PV solutions. The goal of the joint approach is to train and equip professional roofers as installers of Open Energy's PV systems. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO552.htm>

Open Energy: <http://www.openenergycorp.com/> Eagle Roofing:

<http://www.eagleroofing.com/2005/main/index.php>

4-12-07 Conergy's Module Production / Logistics Center

Conergy AG has secured more than 80% of the silicon and silicon-based components required to produce its own solar modules equivalent to a peak capacity of around 50 MW, three months prior to the start of production at its new Frankfurt/Oder plant. Conergy has also decided to open a new central warehouse for Europe in the town of Zweibrücken. See more details on Conergy's plans at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA156.htm>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.de/DesktopDefault.aspx>

4-12-07 Connecticut Wholesale Club's PV

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, BJ's Wholesale Club and Conservation Services Group hosted a dedication ceremony to celebrate the unveiling of two 82.8 kWdc commercial PV systems that have been installed on the rooftops of two Connecticut BJ's Wholesale Clubs. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=48098> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ql76m>

Connecticut Clean Energy Fund: <http://www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/about.php>

Conservation Services Group: <http://www.csgrp.com/>

4-12-07 More on WorldWater & Power Fresno Airport PV

WorldWater & Power Corp announced that it has been awarded a 20-year solar electric power purchase contract by the Fresno City Council for the sale of solar electricity from a 2-MW PV system to be located at the Fresno Yosemite International Airport. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B2908FF25%2D7EDC%2D4991%2DA906%2D4233CF72E154%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&sybm=> or <http://tinyurl.com/275gh5> WorldWater & Power: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

4-12-07 More on Pacific Power Management PV System for Petroleum Headquarters

Pacific Power Management LLC completed the design and installation of a 132-kW solar electric system for the Van De Pol Petroleum headquarters. The \$1.1 million project qualifies for a \$462,287 rebate from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Self Generation Program. See the Story "PGE& Awards Solar Rebate to Pacific Power" at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48111>

Pacific Power Management: <http://www.pacpower.biz/>

4-12-07 Georgia Institute of Technology 3-D Solar Cells

See the story "More efficient 3-D solar cells created" highlighting R&D at the Georgia Institute of Technology, at:

http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Science/2007/04/12/more_efficient_3d_solar_cells_created/ or

<http://tinyurl.com/yosdzx> Other press: http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2007-04-11-better-solar_N.htm?csp=34 or <http://tinyurl.com/2eg686>

4-12-07 CPUC Forum Audio Recordings, California Solar Initiative

SunPower Consulting announced that they are making available the complete audio recordings from the recent CPUC Forum held 2 April in San Francisco. More information at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=48114> or <http://tinyurl.com/2xzktf> SunPower Consulting: <http://www.sunpowerconsultingllc.com/>

4-12-07 Cost of Solar

An article at Europressedienst, with coverage of the Photovoltaic Technology Show 2007 in Munich, silicon supply, and PHOTON Consulting's new report "The True Cost of Solar Power", can be found (in German) at: <http://www.europressedienst.com/news/>

PHOTON Consulting Report: <http://www.photon-consulting.com/>

See also: <http://www.eupd-research.com/de/home/#>

4-12-07 Clean Energy Fund

Swiss Re announced the close of the EUR 329 million European Clean Energy Fund, a UN accredited investment vehicle that provides capital to European clean energy projects. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B39909648%2DDDEEF%2D46BC%2D805D%2D5BF1800B8A7A%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&sybm=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2qqo8u>

Other press:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B5400D9A8%2D7D0E%2D4C57%2D9B1D%2D63D55063506C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&sybm=> or <http://tinyurl.com/27ge85>

Swiss Re: <http://www.swissre.com/>

4-12-07 IREC Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

For the latest issue of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council's State & Stakeholder Newsletter, with news from IREC programs, schools going solar, interconnection / net metering, incentives & rebates, national outreach, workforce development, grants / RFPs, and other news, see:

[http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=22&tx_ttnews\[pS\]=1176348551&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=538&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=11&cHash=aca5cefdcf](http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=22&tx_ttnews[pS]=1176348551&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=538&tx_ttnews[backPid]=11&cHash=aca5cefdcf) or <http://tinyurl.com/2sso6s>

4-12-07 Maryland's RPS

See the story "Maryland Expands RPS: 1,500 MW Solar by 2022" at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story;jsessionid=E512F87DCD4CFCC969049D038573690F?id=48102> or <http://tinyurl.com/3xtxxk>. "Its huge. It will really put Maryland at the forefront of solar energy", said Senator Rob Garagiola who sponsored Senate Bill 595.

4-12-07 New Jersey Clean Energy Strategy

Environment New Jersey has joined public safety and environmental groups to release "Powering New Jersey's Future: A Clean Energy Strategy for Replacing the Oyster Creek and Salem Nuclear Plants". Press and links to the report at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/infocus/story?id=48080> or <http://tinyurl.com/33bma3>

4-12-07 Distributed Energy Resources Business Models

For information on the conference "Distributed Energy Resources – Emerging Business Models for Utilities", set for 14-15 June 2007 in Austin, Texas, see the conference brochure at: <http://www.euci.com/pdf/0607-distributed-energy.pdf>

4-12-07 Dye-sensitized Solar Cell Conference

For information on the 2nd International Conference on the Industrialisation of DSC, 11-13 September in St. Gallen, Switzerland, visit: <http://www.dyesol.com/conference/>

4-12-07 Market Research Report

Reportlinker.com announced a new market research report available through their catalog titled "Global Market: Current & Next Generation Solar Cell & Related Material Market Outlooks". Information at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B00464696%2DBD10%2D43E7%2DB05F%2DC196EEEEBEB7F%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/26cyuy>
Reportlinker: <http://www.reportlinker.com/p047120/solar-cell.html>